NOAA's National Weather Service

Satellite Data Utilization: 2010-2020

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Initial Capabilities

Early Operational Satellite Usage (1980-1989)

- Near Real-Time Data Distribution over "Stove-Pipe" Networks
- Stand-Alone Digital Image Processing in Operations (McIDAS, SWIS)
- Limited Use of Satellite Data in Models
 - Sounding Retrievals
- GOES Rapid Scan Basis for Improving Warning Lead-Times

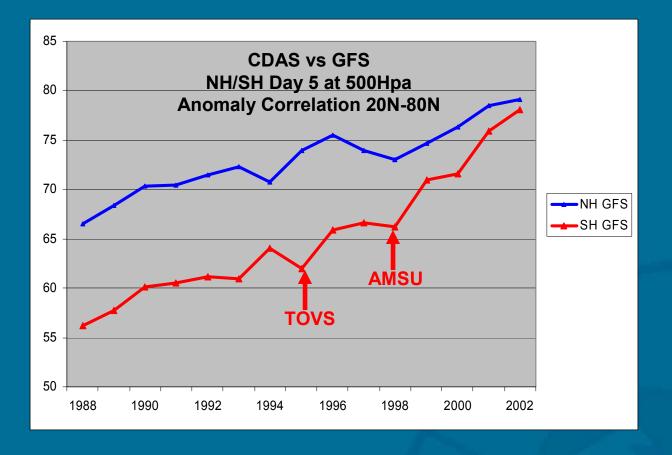
Recent Capability Enhancements Integration of Satellite Data in Operations 1990-1999

- Satellite Product Distributed on Multi-Use Networks (SOO / SAC, RAMSDIS, NOAAPORT)
- Satellite Data Integrated into Multi-Use Data Display Applications (AWIPS)
- Enhanced Use of Satellite Data in Models
 - Direct Assimilation of TOVS Radiance in 1995
 - Assimilation of AMSU Radiance Data in 1999
- Significant Improvement in Southern Hemisphere Model Forecast

Recent Capability Enhancements

Integration of Satellite Data in Operations
1990-1999

Impact of
Direct
Assimilation
of TOVS
(1995) and
AMSU (1999)

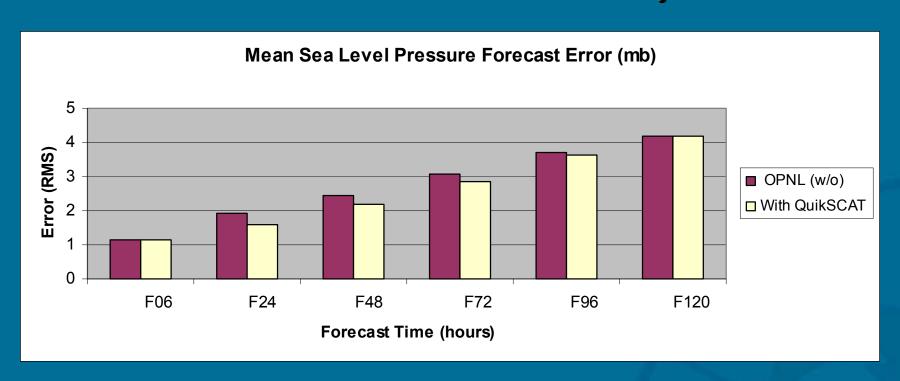


Current and Near Future Capabilities Exploiting Available Data 2000-2009

- Expanded Use of Communication Networks to Saturation
 - NOAAPORT, NWS-Net, AWIPS Wide Area Network (WAN)
- Enhanced Satellite Data Integration into AWIPS
 - Derived Products: Integrated PW, Stability (LI), High Density Winds,
 Soundings, Rain Rate, Sea Surface Temperature (SST)
 - Non-NOAA Products: DMSP SSM/I, QUIKSCAT (OB4)
- Enhanced Use of Satellite Data in Models
 - AMSU Radiance, DMSP SSM/I QUIKSCAT, NPP
 - Rapid Model Downscaling (Eta: 24 to 100 layers, 40 Km to 8 Km)
 - NASA/NOAA Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation (JCSDA) Formed
- Steady Improvement in Model Forecast
 - Wind/Wave and Hurricane Track Models Benefit from QUIKSCAT Winds
 - AMSU radiances over land through JCSDA community emissivity model

Recent Capability Enhancements Integration of Satellite Data in Operations 2000-2009

Forecast Improvement from Assimilation of Quikscat Winds into the NCEP Ocean Analysis



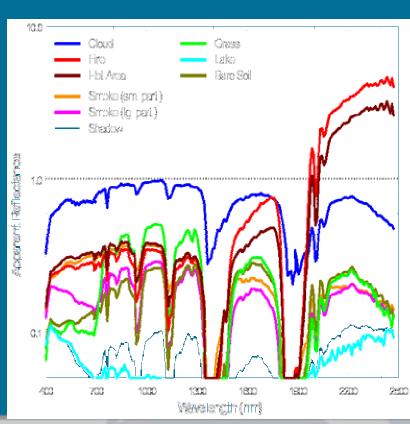
Future Observing Systems Observing System Trends: 2010-2020

- Integrated Observing Systems
- Increasing Resolution (time, space, and spectral)
- Increasing # Key Parameters Observed
- Improving Assimilation Strategies

NWS Expectations: 2010-2020

Sensor Performance:

- Improve detection of critical parameters
 - Atmospheric inversions (fog, caps, etc.)
- Additional parameters:
 - Cloud properties, surface properties
- Increased horizontal/vertical resolution
 - Moisture gradients
- Improved accuracy and latency
 - Improved wind accuracy
 - "Rapid scan" GOES HES-ABS (4/hour)



NWS Expectations: 2010-2020

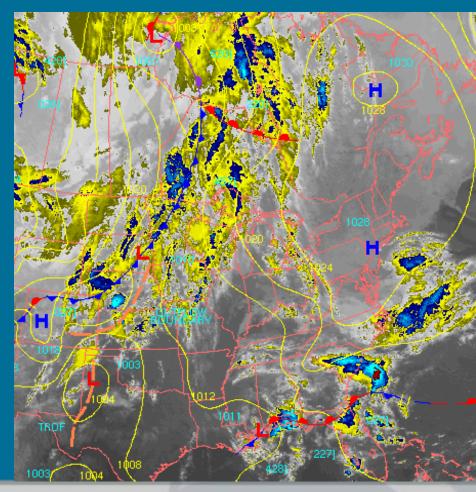
Service Enhancements:

- Improved support to core missions:
 - Protection of Life and Property
 - Enhance the National Economy
- New services supported:
 - Air quality and Homeland Security
 - Ozone and Aerosols

Data Availability Impact: 2010-2020

Contribute to "Analysis of Record"

- Fills in gaps that in-situ observing systems Verify gridded forecasts
- Surface temperature (IR data w/ conventional obs)
- Precipitation (w/ radar, gauge)
- Sky cover (w/ surface obs)



Data Availability Impact: 2010-2020

Improved MetWatch

- Enhanced vertical and horizontal temperature/moisture gradients
- Improved diagnosis of pre-convective instability
- Detection of inversions (fog, caps, winds)
- Convective applications (stability, lightning, etc)

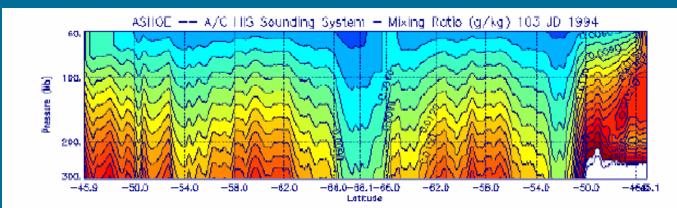


Figure 18 An infrared interferometric sounder was used to produce this highresolution vertical cross section of water vapor during aircraft experiments near Australia. (Smith et al., 1994)

Data Availability Impact: 2010-2020

Improved Climate Monitoring

- Improved Radiative Forcing
 - Cloud Properties (amount, top, phase)
 - Aerosol Tracking (smoke, bio-mass burning)
 - Long and Short Wave Radiation
- Improved Land/Ocean/Atmosphere Coupling
 - Soil Moisture and Temperature
 - Vegetative Type and Greenness
 - Cryosphere Monitoring (Snow/Ice)
 - Sea Surface Temperatures



Data Availability Impact: 2010-2020

Better Hydrology Monitoring

- Improved Precipitation Rate and Amount
 - Improved Resolution CMIS @ 15Km; HES-ABS @ 4Km
- Improved Hydrologic Forcing
 - Better Soil Moisture and Temperature Res (4Km)
 - Improved Vertical Moisture (2Km) and Gradients
 - Improved Sea Surface Temperature (4Km)

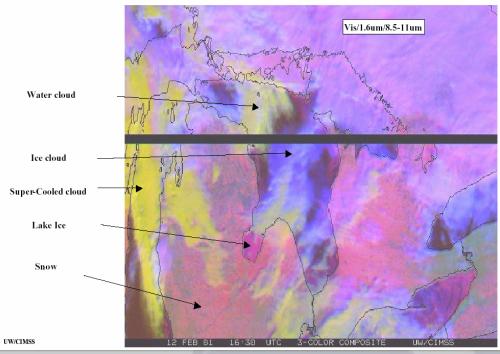


Data Availability Impact: 2010-2020

Improved NWP Forecasts

- 1/3 reduction in cloud contamination
 - More satellite data used in NWP
- Better cloud phase discrimination
 - Critical in aviation icing forecasts
 - Important for initializing clouds and precipitation
- Improved Vertical Moisture using GPS radio occultation (RA) data
 - GPS compliments CRIS, CMIS,
 ATMS vertical soundings

ABI Simulations (from MODIS data) 3-color composite (Visible/1.6 µm/8.5-11 µm) 12 February 2001; 1627 UTC



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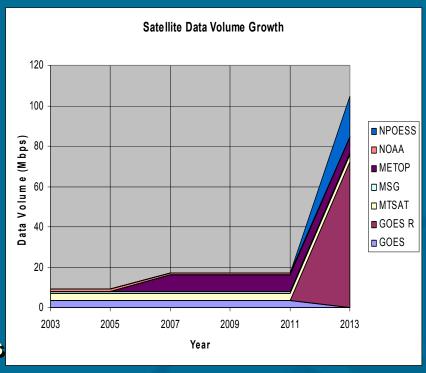
Improved NWP Forecasts

- Improved land data assimilation
 - High Resolution vegetation types, soil temp and RH
 - Improved boundary layer forecasts
- Improved cloud drift winds
 - More layers sensed
 - Boundary layer to upper troposphere
 - Higher spatial resolution
 - Better height assignment

Future Challenges and Opportunities Significant Change to Satellite Systems 2010-2020

Developing an End-to-End Solution

- Seamless Research to Operations
 - Research grade code integrated into ops CM
 - JCSDA and Ops develop code together
- NOAA Enterprise Architecture
 - Processing throughput
 - Reliability
 - Proto-Typing
 - Cost effective Science Infusion
- NOAA Observing System Architecture
 - Integrated Observing System
- Efficient Information Extraction Techniques
 - >95% of all data used in operations
- Effective Training Program



Summary

NWS' Hyper-Spectral Data Utilization

Work closely with NASA and NESDIS to Develop End-to-End Solutions Supporting the NOAA Mission

Goals:

- Implement new satellite data with 1-2 years of launch
- Size end-to-end system processing and computing resources to accommodate 5X data volume increase